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1. The country programme for Iraq for the period 2002-2004 (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.71) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2001 (decision 2001/14, E/ICEF/2001/6), with an other resources ceiling of $30,141,000. Given the country's urgent needs for reconstruction and rehabilitation and current indications of proposed funding through the end of 2004, it is expected that the amount of other resources received for the country programme will exceed the previously approved ceiling.

2. The additional resources will be made available via contributions pledged and/or planned for the first year of the 2004-2006 Iraq reconstruction and rehabilitation programme, supported by the United Nations and the international financial institutions through the United Nations strategy for assistance to Iraq and the World Bank Interim Strategy for Iraq.

3. Therefore, the Executive Director recommends that the Executive Board approve an increase in the other resources ceiling for the Iraq country programme for 2004 in the amount of $140,000,000.

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